

# St. Bartholomew's Church



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**Mission Statement:** We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and the universal Church. We will strive to enrich our community spiritually, pastorally and socially, and to be a family of worship and prayer for all.

Rev. Raphael Ezeh, MSP, *Pastor*  
Rev. Daniel Oghenerukevwe, MSP, *Parochial Vicar*  
Deacon Robert A. Clemens  
Cheryl Duda, *Religious Education Coordinator*  
Erika Podoprigora, *Organist and Music Director*

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566  
Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676

Sunday Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday;  
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday;  
9:00 a.m. Saturday.

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

**Parish Membership:** Every family and single adult to be considered active members of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the parish, receiving and regularly using the parish weekly donation envelopes. Only in this way can the parish issue documents attesting to parish membership and Catholic practice, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. New parishioners are requested to visit the parish office.

**Sick & Shut-ins:** The priests are available to administer the Sacraments to those who are unable to come to Church. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is part of the healing ministry of the Church, and should be received early in an illness or before a serious operation.

**Baptisms:** Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

**Marriages:** In order to provide sufficient time for the Marriage Preparation Course, please call the parish office and ask to speak with the pastor at least six months in advance of the wedding.

**Parish Council:** Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month. Chairperson: Richard Califano

**Holy Name Society:** Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Dan Panik

**Rosary Altar Society:** Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. President, Joan Liddell

**Bereavement Ministry:** For information call (914) 965-0566,  
Tina Falcone

**Trustees:** Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

**SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION: COME TO ME FOR REST**

There are times all of us find life burdensome. Life's pressures weigh down on our spirit, soul and body. If it's not about the money, then it's the relationship problems and heartaches; if not the task of parenting, it's about caring for our parents; if not about school headaches, it's about pressure from peers and jobs; if it's not about political or social issues, it's about moral choices. The list is endless.

We try our very best to deal with these problems, or postpone them, or worst, deny or suppress them. But like molten magma deep down in the earth's belly, they churn over and over. Then we reach the breaking point and everything simply spills over. Often the consequences reverberate through our relationships and for years to come.

The Good News is that before we get there, Jesus stands by our door, inviting us to bring or offload these pressures and burdens unto Him. "Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:25-30).

Unfortunately, many of His children either don't believe this or trust that it's for real. But you and I believe and trust. I hope we really do!

**May the Lord grant us his aid in times of needs. Amen.**

**MASS ATTENDANCE DURING SUMMER**

We encourage parishioners who attend Mass on Sundays only to also attend Mass one extra day each week. It takes just half an hour. The kids are not doing much during the summer, so bring them along and thus give them an invaluable example of the important of Mass. Bring your problems along with you and lay them before the Lord. No prayer of yours is ever in vain!!

**CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

I want to thank all those who have contributed to this year's Appeal. So far 191 parishioners pledged \$62,004.25. Our goal is \$63,000.00. We didn't make the list of parishes that exceeded their goals, published in the June 26<sup>th</sup> edition of the Catholic New York, but as you can see, we're very close. I still appeal to those who have not pledged to consider it, no matter the amount. Last year's number of individuals was 207. We want to increase that to about 220 this year – so we need 29 individuals to hit that mark. Again, it will show that we're a very active and growing parish as we indeed are. Thank you so much.

**PARISH PROJECTS, CONT'D**

**Garden:** Fr. Anthony was working on improving the church environment before he left. He received donations for a statue on Fero Street and for putting a garden there. So far, we have gotten bids for the garden on that side, but we don't have enough funds to cover it. We are also considering beautifying the rest of our grounds – Roosevelt Street side, the small garden in front of the school, around the signage on Palmer Road, and by the new ramp on the rectory side of the church. The Finance Council discussed this and decided it might be better to work on raising the funds and then doing it next year, considering we have other pressing issues to deal with right now.

**Oil Tank:** Now that we have gas boilers in place for the school building, one of our top priorities is the excavation of the oil tank in front of the school. Judging from the cost of excavating the one by the rectory, we think this will cost about \$10,000.00. If we don't do it we might start incurring fines or else pay for various annual tests. Besides, with a high possibility of renting the school this year, we want to get it out of the way. This will probably be done in the next two months.

**MSP INFO**

**Fr. Anthony's Installation as Pastor:** The ceremony takes place this weekend in Chicago. Let's keep him and Corpus Christi in our prayers. Some parishioners went down to support him. I was planning to be there but had to cancel it since I'm alone in the parish.

**Fr. Ejiofor Ugwu, MSP** arrived from Florida, where he did his last assignment. He will be with us for sometime – a few weeks probably. No he's not replacing Fr. Daniel.

**Fr. Daniel:** At the time of writing this, we don't have any new info on when he will be finishing his program. His return ranges from July 4<sup>th</sup> to sometime in August. It's also not very clear how long he'll be with us when he returns.

**Blessings and Peace.**

**~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP**



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES,** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Dennis Madonia by Janet Madonia.



**FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES**



**Registration** for Religious Education classes for public school children, running September through June, is **open**. Classes are available for children in 1<sup>st</sup> grade through High School senior year, including those with Special Education needs. Classes are available to prepare children of all ages for the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, regardless of any lack of previous instruction. **All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program.** Please call (914 476-6676) for more information.

If you or someone you know needs information on the Catholic Faith or have not been confirmed, please call the Religious Education Office (914 476-6676) for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) in our parish.



**CELL PHONE ALERT**

As you join us for sacred worship, we remind you to please **TURN OFF** your cell phone. Let your focus be on Prayer and the Presence of Jesus among us.

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**FRIDAY, JULY 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:30 – 7:30 PM**  
**MCMANUS PARISH CENTER**

St. Bartholomew's will be conducting its 78<sup>th</sup> **Blood Drive** in the 33 years since starting in 1981. St. Bart's parishioners and friends have made 5,807 donations to date. Thank you to all who have participated in our past drives.

We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bartholomew's Parish special. If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca (423-3592) for an appointment. Also, please encourage your family & friends to participate.

### CABRINI CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

**Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 - 12 Noon**

At: Cabrini of Westchester, Msgr. Terence Attridge Adult Day Health Center, 115 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry  
**RSVP** anytime by Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, to 914 693-6800. ext. 850

Next Sunday, our parish will take up the annual **Collection for Black and Indian Missions**. Our financial contribution helps support Catholic American Indian communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. The collection also supports African American schools and evangelization programs, particularly in the south. With open hearts let us unite ourselves with the love of Christ in supporting the Black and Indian Mission Collection. Visit [www.blackandindianmission.org](http://www.blackandindianmission.org), for more information.



*"Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."* Married couples come away and rest from your hectic life on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information, call toll free (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or visit [www.wme.org](http://www.wme.org).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic "experience" and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

**EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION:** Held the First Friday of every month at 1 p.m. Please join us when you are able.

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION:** Held the First Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.



### TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

#### *Last Weekend's Contribution Comparison*

	6/30/13	6/29/14	Difference
Adults	\$6,520.05	\$5,189.95	-\$ 1,330.10
Children	\$ 67.50	\$ 38.20	-\$ 29.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,587.55</b>	<b>\$5,228.15</b>	<b>-\$ 1,359.40</b>

### REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED PARISH

*Remember, "We make a living by what we earn. We make a life by what we share." Please remember our Parish in your Will as a lasting and loving gift to your parish family. Thank you!*

**"WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OURSELVES ALONE DIES WITH US; WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL."**

*~ Albert Pike*



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Gary Roth, Joyann Allan, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Muraik, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkowicz, Jimmy Maimone, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Bridget O'Malley, Anna Brucculeri, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Joe Forlini, Michael Treacy, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, Mary Walsh, Natalie Marrero, and Richard Meyers.

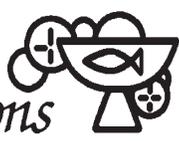
### 2015 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass Book for 2015 opened on Ash Wednesday and there are still many dates open in this year's Mass Book, as well. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in your life the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved ones or for yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also, you may consider offering the altar flowers, altar bread and wine, altar candles, or sanctuary lamp for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of  *Rest in Peace* all the faithful departed, especially Nicholas A. Falcone and Janet Fusco.

July 6, 2014

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, July 5 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Christine Bellino +

**Sunday, July 6**

8:30 AM Oscar Starkenberg +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Mary Ann Karpinski +

5:00 PM Jose Angel Ocasio +

**Monday, July 7**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Lester Spear +

9:00 AM Teresina & Giovanni Brusco +

**Tuesday, July 8**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Deborah Vetrano +

9:00 AM Marion DeMuro +

**Wednesday, July 9**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Stanis Buoninfante +

**Thursday, July 10**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Stanis Buoninfante +

9:00 AM Marcello Barcello & Elena Barcello +

**Friday, July 11**

**Saint Benedict, Abbot**

7:00 AM Jason Shannon (living)

9:00 AM Father Michael J. Feeney, OFM +

**Saturday, July 12**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Dennis Madonia +

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**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, July 12 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Ethel Castagnozzi +

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**Sunday, July 13**

8:30 AM Lorenzo Marchionno +

10:00 AM John Paul Capuano (living)

11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

*July 6, 2014*

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## **WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!**

Our warmest welcome to our visitors! We are glad you came to celebrate the Eucharist with us today. We thank God for you! Do not hesitate to let us know how we may serve you.

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If you have not registered or need to correct some of the information in our file, please fill out this form and check (X) the appropriate box below or you may also use the complete Registration Form found on the table at the rear of the Church; and drop the completed form into the collection basket or drop off/mail it to the Rectory. Thank you!

Name:

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Address:

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City/Zip:

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Telephone:

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Comment:

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- I am a visitor.
  - I am interested in parish membership.
  - Change of Address / Telephone Number.
  - I am moving out of the Parish.
  - I am going to the hospital.
  - I would like to be visited by a priest / minister.
  - Please send me the *Catholic New York*.
  - I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
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### **Prayer for Our Nation**

Dear Lord,  
we call our country  
"One nation under God"  
when we pledge allegiance to our flag.  
May we always remember that we are subject to You.  
Help us always to recall that a nation is great  
only so long as it worships You as its author.  
Remind us that no nation can truly prosper  
unless it acknowledges its dependence on You.  
Give us the grace to remember always  
that the true sign of strength for any nation or person  
is how well we treat the weak and helpless among us,  
and make us truly thankful for all You have given us  
throughout our history. Amen.